

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 5, 2006

Tom Butchart, Treasurer Mississippi Republican Party P.O. Box 60 Jackson, MS 39205

Response Due Date: May 5, 2006

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C00084368

Reference:

March Monthly Report (2/01/06 - 2/28/06)

Dear Mr. Butchart:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to "Oktibbeha County Circuit Clerk," "Quitman County Circuit Clerk," "Montgomery County Circuit Clerk," "Pike County Circuit Clerk," "Jackson County Circuit Clerk," "Yazoo County Circuit Clerk," "Tishomingo County Circuit Clerk," "Pearl River Circuit Clerk," "Tate County Circuit Clerk," and "Delta Computer Systems," which are categorized as Administrative expenses; however, the purposes of disbursement disclosed are "001-Voter List." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's generic voter drive activities, that do not qualify as Federal election activities and that are not party exempt activities, should be categorized as Voter Drive expenses on Schedule H4. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for these activities or provide clarifying information regarding these apparent discrepancies.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as

memo entries <u>regardless</u> of the <u>amount</u>. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1399.

Sincerely

Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division